

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Vernon Board of Education and Student

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Surrogate Parent, *Pro Se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Craig Meuser
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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the Board of Education’s evaluation appropriate?
2. If not, is the Student entitled to an independent evaluation in the area of “risk” at public expense?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Board of Education initiated this special education due process case on March 20, 2019. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on March 21, 2019. A Prehearing Conference was convened on March 27, 2019. Larissa Johnson, Surrogate Parent appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Craig Meuser appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision in this case is May 3, 2019.

The parties reported that they agreed to convene a PPT to further discuss the conflict. The parties agreed to convene a second prehearing conference on April 26, 2019, after such PPT, to discuss the status of the case and identification of issues.

On April 26, 2019, the Board of Education reported that the Surrogate Parent withdrew the request for an Independent Educational Evaluation and therefore requested that this matter be withdrawn or dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The Board of Education’s request for dismissal is granted and the matter is dismissed.